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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, PORG, NO
SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CAPACITY FOR UNIFIL

1. FINN LIED, DIRECTOR OF THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE RESEARCH
ESTABLISHMENT (NDRE) AND RESEARCH DIRECTOR KLEPPENBERG CALLED ON
DCM MORNING OF MAY 12 ON URGENT BASIS TO DISCUSS A UN
REQUEST THAT THE GON INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF AN
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CAPACITY FOR UNIFIL.

2. THE REQUEST, LIED STATED, FOLLOWED DISCUSSIONS AT THE UN BETWEEN
MOD UNDERSECRETARY HOLST AND UN UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS R.E. GUYER, SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER. THE GON,
ON RECEIPT OF THE UN REQUEST HAD ASKED NDRE TO TAKE ACTION
ON THE MATTER. LIED SAID THAT THE UN PLAN CALLED FOR INITIAL
USE OF ELECTRONICS SURVEILLANCE, IF PRACTICABLE, IN THE
NORWEGIAN UNIFIL SECTION IN SOUTH LEBANON AND, IF THE TEST IS
SUCCESFUL, FOR SUBSEQUENT INSTALLATIONS IN THE REMAINING UNIFIL
SECTORS.

3. LIED STATED THAT, WHILE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON UNIFIL'S
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EVENTUAL TERMS OF REFERENCE (I.E. PATROLLING ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
OR MAINTAINING A STRICT, NO PASSAGE, BUFFER ZONE), IT WAS
DESIRABLE THAT THE NORWEGIANS START AT ONCE TO INVESTIGATE
THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE.
NDRE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM THE USG AVAILABLE
INFORMATION ON ELECTRONIC SENSORS (OPTICAL, RADAR, SEISMIS,
ETC); ON THE NETTING OF SOME AND ON ALTERNATE COMMUNICATIONS

AND READOUT EQUIPMENT. LIED STRESSED THAT IN VIEW OF URGENCY, NDRE HOPED USG WOULD HELP MAKE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AVAILABLE QUICKLY.

4. LIED STATED THAT, IN ADDITION TO OBTAINING WRITTEN MATERIAL, THE GON SAW THE NEED FOR EARLY DIRECT CONSULTATIONS WITH US OFFICIALS WHO COULD DISCUSS THE US EXPERIENCE WITH ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN THE FAR EAST. NDRE, HE SAID, WAS READY TO SEND A HIGH LEVEL, THREE-MAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON TO INITIATE SUCH DISCUSSION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ASSUMED CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL WANT TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH GON'S REQUEST AND URGE URGENT REPLY ON HOW USG PROPOSES TO ASSIST WITH NDRE REQUEST. SPECIFICALLY, (1) WHAT WRITTEN MATERIAL CAN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE?; (2) WHICH OFFICES OR INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN NDRE VISIT TO WASHINGTON; (3) WHAT ARE EARLIEST DATES NORWEGIAN TEAM COULD VISIT US;

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(4) SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR VISIT.
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